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PROSPECTING FOR WATER ON THE SOUTH FORK.

The Southwestern Company, in order to increase the volume of water in their reservoirs, are drilling four wells at the mouth of the south fork of the Bonito, at a point about a mile below the dam. It is generally believed that the water in the south fork disappears at a point above the dam, and again comes to the surface several miles down the Bonito stream, and the object of the company in sinking these wells is to tap the subterranean stream and connect it with the main pipe leading to the reservoir. Last Saturday a good body of water was tapped in one of the wells, but it did not come to the surface as was expected. A sample of the water was sent to El Paso for analysis. If the water found is pure and of sufficient quantity, it is the intention of the company to install a pumping plant, except they strike a gusher in either of the other wells, in which case they will connect it directly with the main, and dispense with the pumping plant.

THE BUILDING HAS BEEN INSURED

The new school building narrowly missed burning Tuesday of this week. At the noon hour a stove, full of coals, in one of the upper rooms, was overturned, and the floor caught fire. One of the pupils ran down stairs to give the alarm, and W. L. Gumm happened to be present, eating lunch with Mrs. Gumm, one of the teachers. Mr. Gumm, with what assistance he could get, soon extinguished the fire, which was beginning to eat its way into the floor. Mr. Gumm's presence and prompt action was all that saved the building. The directors immediately had the building insured.

CITIZENS' MEETING.

The News has been requested by a number of the leading citizens of the town to announce a public meeting of the citizens of the town and surrounding country next Wednesday night, Dec. 2nd, at the hour of 7:30. The place of meeting will be in the hall over the Exchange Bank. Matters of considerable moment are to be discussed, and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present on the occasion.

NEW ELECTION LAW NEEDED.

The following embodies what the Pecos Valley Tenderfoot, Will Robinson, deems as advisable for New Mexico to have in the way of an election law which will maintain justice at the polls:

First every man should be required to register himself in person, and if he didn't take enough interest in government to do that he should not be allowed to vote. Then when he registers he should be required to then and there pay his poll tax, paying the amount himself, the payment of this most righteous of all taxes being an absolute essential to suffrage. Then at voting time there should be the full Australian ballot law, with all of the tickets printed on one sheet, every copy of which should be held in the hands of the election board and passed to the voter as he comes in, to be marked as he pleases in the privacy of the booths, and deposited by his own hand. It should be a penitentiary offense to seek to influence a man's vote in any way whatever. Every candidate should be compelled to publish a statement under oath of every dollar he has spent in the campaign, and what for, and if one cent of it has gone for any form of corruption the office shall be given to the next lowest candidate who shows and proves a clean score. Then after these things were attended to there should be adopted a form of the Illinois form of minority representation, by which the minority party shall have one representative in three.

EX-GOV. OTERO INDICTED.

Ex-Gov. M. A. Otero was indicted at the recent Territorial court at Roswell, on the charge of giving intoxicating liquors to some cadets of the Roswell Military Institute. The offense is alleged to have been committed during the recent visit of the ex-governor to Roswell.

The boys, to whom the ex-governor is said to have served beer at the Grand Central Hotel in Roswell, are his own son, a son of Gov. Curry, a son of Land Commissioner Ervein and a son of R. C. Garrett. The defense interposed a demurrer to all five counts of the indictment, which Judge Pope overruled. The defense then asked for a change of venue, which was granted, and

the case sent to Alamogordo, the headquarters of the Sixth Judicial district. Court convenes in Otero county next March, at which time the case may be heard.

DISASTROUS PRARIE FIRE NEAR TORRANCE.

One of the most disastrous prairie and forest fires that has ever swept New Mexico started last Saturday in the country north of Roswell, and in forty-eight hours destroyed all the grass and timber in an area of 400 or 500 square miles. Herds of cattle and flocks of sheep were driven before the fires into the mountains, fences have been burned for miles and it is thought the loss to sheep and cattle men will be great. There were no towns in the track of the fire and ranches are far apart. No loss of life has been reported, but a number of cowboys and sheep herders who were working directly in the path of the flames have not been heard from. For 25 miles along the stage road between Torrance and Roswell the forage has been entirely destroyed.

DR. CARRINGTON, OF FT. STANTON, GOES TO SAN DIEGO.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., dated Nov. 26th, says that Dr. P. M. Carrington, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital at Fort Stanton, has been transferred to San Diego, Cal.

Dr. Carrington was placed in charge of the Fort Stanton sanitarium shortly after the government established a sanitarium there for tuberculosis, some eight years ago. The old military post was rebuilt under his supervision, and it is today one of the most modern institutions of its kind in the world. It is equipped with electric light and ice plants, chicken hatcheries, a fine herd of milch cows, and everything conducive to the comfort of the 300 patients.

The doctor, we understand, asked to be transferred, so that he might have better educational facilities for his children. As it was, he sent his children to school in St. Louis, while he had to live at Fort Stanton.

Surgeon H. S. Matthewson, now stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, has been ordered to relieve Dr. Carrington at Fort Stanton.

NEXT LEGISLATURE.

The next legislature will be composed of the following members:

Democrats in the House.—F. J. Davidson, G. E. Moffitt, James Mullins, C. L. Brice, M. R. Baker.

Republicans in the House.—C. J. Roberts, Ben. F. Brown, A. C. Pacheco, A. S. Bushkevitz, W. H. Blattman, H. Martinez, Price Walters, R. L. Baca, E. A. Miera, Silvestre Mirabal, Jesus C. Sanchez, Powell Stackhouse, Julian Chavez, W. D. Tipton, H. M. Sweezy, A. A. Gallegos, Zacarias Valdez, Melquiades Chavez and Santiago Garia.

Democrats in the Council.—J. N. Upton, John Y. Hewitt, W. D. McBee.

Republicans in the Council.—Eufrazio Gallegos, Juan Navarro, L. Bradford Prince, Charles A. Spiess, M. C. Mecham, T. B. Catron, P. Hanley, C. A. Baca, Esteban Baca.

The legislature will stand 8 democrats and 28 republicans, a majority of 20 for the republicans.

OFFICIAL VOTE BY COUNTIES FOR DELEGATE TO CONGRESS.

Territory of New Mexico, }
Office of Secretary. }
General election, Tuesday, November 3, 1908. Canvass of vote by counties for Delegate to Congress:

County	Andrews Rep.	Larra-zolo Dem.	Met-calf Soc.
Sierra	384	496	7
Bernalillo	2,440	1,730	128
Chaves	859	1,421	137
Colfax	1,551	1,603	31
Doña Ana	1,200	1,021	4
Eddy	285	969	17
Grant	871	1,363	2
Guadalupe	977	1,069	2
Lincoln	763	709	14
Luna	223	343	20
McKinley	395	269	7
Mora	1,400	1,188	7
Otero	627	732	132
Quay	1,043	1,585	151
Rio Arriba	1,496	1,738	..
Roosevelt	942	1,707	196
Sandoval	877	214	..
San Juan	478	606	60
San Miguel	2,890	2,186	28
Santa Fe	1,621	1,333	4
Socorro	1,610	1,467	3
Taos	1,183	942	..
Torrance	681	1,069	106
Union	1,327	1,166	..
Valencia	1,482	291	2

Totals .. 27,605 27,217 1,056
Andrews' total plurality, 388.
Total vote cast, 55,880.